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1. IN MADRID, WE CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO BEGIN NOW DISCREETLY

TO INVOLVE THE SPANISH MORE IN OBSERVING ALLIED EXERCISE ACTIVITY.
WE PARTICULARLY SEEK OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL BE ATTRACTIVE TO
THE SPANISH ARMY, WHICH IS THE MOST ISOLATED OF THE SPANISH
SERVICES IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL CONTACT.

2. FROM THE MATERIAL WE HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE ON EXERCISE
"BONDED ITEM", WE NOTE THAT, ALTHOUGH THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF
THE EXERCISE APPEARS TO BE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT TRAINING, THERE
IS APPARENTLY A SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH LAND FORCE INVOLVEMENT TO
WARRANT AN INVITATION TO SPANISH ARMY TO OBSERVE THE FRG PORTION OF T
HE
EXERCISE. WE WOULD CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE IF AN INVITATION
COULD BE ISSUED BY BOTH THE FRG AND THE US, AND COULD SPELL
OUT IN SOME DETAIL ELEMENTS OF EXERCISE LIKELY TO ELICIT
SPANISH ARMY INTEREST.

3. IF AN INVITATION IS FORTHCOMING, WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO ENCOURAGE SPANISH ACCEPTANCE.
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